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Applicant: Stephen G. Nikodem  
Serial No.: 10/767,671  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
TO FACILITATE  
ORTHODONTIC ALIGNMENT  
OF TEETH

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**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate  
Amendment After Final Rejection in response to the final Office Action dated July 12, 2007 (7 pages)  
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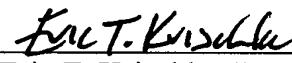
**STATUS**

2. Applicant  
 claims small entity status.  
 is other than a small entity.

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## **EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

— An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS			=		x \$25.00 = \$		x \$50.00 = \$	
	MINUS			=		x \$100.00 = \$		x \$200.00 = \$	
	— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$180.00 = \$		+ \$360.00 = \$	
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

- (a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b)  Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

- Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.  Other:

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